

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 2, 2013**

Present: First Selectman Edward G. McAnaney, Joanne Sullivan, Eileen Moncrief, and Brian Fitzgerald. Selectman Timothy Reynolds was absent. Selectman McAnaney called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Additional agenda items were approved to discuss the Proposal to replace existing Weir Gates with new ones in the Farmington Canal and a motion by Selectman Moncrief for additional discussion on the Bridge Street school.

Minutes: Selectman Moncrief made a motion to approve the December 19, 2012 minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. Vote 3-0 in favor. Selectman Sullivan abstained as she was not at the meeting.

Public Comments: None

Motion to Transfer \$20,000 from Contingency to the Tax Refund Account

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to move \$20,000 from the contingency fund to the Tax Rebate fund due to excessive tax rebates so far this year. The normal budget is \$40,000. One refund, due to a double payment of \$21,000, has left the current budget with a balance of \$3,000. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Resolution for Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the \$4000 grant previously applied for. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Proposal to replace existing Weir Gates with new ones in the Farmington Canal.

Michael Debay of Southwick, Ma was present to discuss the project. It is to replace aged mechanisms that control water quality and levels on Lake Congamond. Suffield is being asked to fund 25% of the \$40,000 project. After some discussion Mr. McAnaney moved to table this matter until a future selectmen's meeting so funding options can be investigated. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Discussion of Budget

Deborah Cerrato was present to the Audited Financials for FY 2012. Discussions took place regarding the need to perform a quarterly assessment of the budget projections. This year's \$1.5 million operating surplus was attributed mostly to many personnel changes. A special meeting will be planned to go over the auditors findings.

Bridge Street School

Selectman Moncrief asked if the Bridge Street School Use Committee has been established. First Selectman McAnaney replied that it is in process and that there are volunteers requesting to be on the committee. The purpose of the committee will be to

generate solid recommendations for the Bridge School usage. The First Selectman also mentioned that there have been a few groups touring the site looking at the building for possible commercial uses.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Selectman McAnaney moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Vote 4-0 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

Audrey Weir
Recording Secretary